

Monday. The lightning was fatal, four people being killed, two in Montevideo, and others elsewhere. The rain fell in splendid quantities, and the potatoes are the most valuable crop of the country, and prices of four paper dollars the

city have decided on the completion of this city, as the Republic, which will be the Alina Bridge in the Caballito, to Maldonado

North, adding a very tract to the municipal government, which will prove insufficient, and will overflow it. The citizens have project with universal

nothing definitely about the completion of improvements. Another offer has been made by a foreign firm, in our next Packet. But we are able to report de

performances was given by the company. The company was last, for the British and it produced \$30,000. Horacio Rumbold, with his next Legation, and most of the English families in the suburbs were present.

phone has made a sudden change, and two companies are competing for public favour. One of the putting up posts along the road, to connect the house at Caballito with the main house in Plaza

span of four miles. The Western Railway Company is rapidly progressing, and the earthworks are made at Arceles. This will be of immense advantage to the numerous Irish settled in that direction.

nothing new to report to the wool market, which is up owing to the fall in the here and in Europe, and of holders to store or keep it outside on the for a couple of months

This stagnation in our wool as led to a fall in freights in exchange, but the go forward sooner or later, result will be that next

shall have a very busy season. The increased production of the wool is evidenced by the of the steamers leaving for we are shipping this year

exports that never before our lists; the fine season prosperity of our agricultural is telling on our ex- whilst the very large ar- silver at Rosario from point to the new trade start- that line.

previous period in the his- the Plate has been sudden expansion of the estancia business, and to the splendid lands from Government to the third parties who are stock as it is proven now that these new lands give from

er cent increase, and Pre- who is himself an es- the district of Rio Qu- in that in 6 or 7 years the Republic will have 23 of cows on its estancias, all in that line place it very other country.

derstays up to the present but very little, but as aros have given way in for novillos, it is probab- March there will be a in the Plate.

ment of Buenos Aires arrangements to fund the owes to the Provincial it is thought, will ma- prove the position of the money rules very easy, all are up, and city trade is better.

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passengers, their luggage, bedding, &c., and more than one hundred ar. of bar silver, a pretty fair, weight for a coach to carry in three days a distance of seventy leagues. We it not for the traffic from Bolivia, owing to war in the Pacific, and the extraordinary quantity of bul- lion coming from that Republic for shipment to Europe at Rosario and Buenos Aires, the 'empresario,' Sr. Goni, of the 'Mensagerias,' would be a heavy loser, having only \$1,100 'do subvencion' per month from the Government.

We have had lately a complete change of employees at the railway station here, as well as all along the line from Cordova. With making invidious comparisons, I hear the attentive and courteous Messrs. Wright and Hotham are greatly missed from the important posts they held.

The telegram advising the fall of Lima put an end to a great public anxiety for news from the Pacific. Although the defeat of the Peruvian army was complete, and, by all accounts, further resistance to the all-powerful Chilian out of the question, I do not feel certain as to Arcequia, Cuzco, Puno, &c., accepting as conclusive the 'tratado,' that may have been made with the Municipality of Lima. I am afraid we have not heard the last of the 'ten cents war' or of the fighting itself. Peru and Bolivia could yet put an army of from 25,000 to 30,000 men in the field.

I recently read in the Times— "The Chilian Government had received information from the Department of Tacna, stating that two Chilian regiments had mutilated and gone off to Bolivia with their arms and accoutrements, after being pursued by cavalry, to which they gave a severe repulse."

The following, also from the Times, will be found of interest to your numerous friends and readers in the agricultural colonies of the River Plate:—

"At the monthly meeting of the Entomological Society held last week, Sir John Lubbock exhibited some interesting larvae, which Mr. Calvert had forwarded to him from the Troad through Sir J. Hooker. These larvae have recently appeared there in large numbers, and are likely to prove most useful, as they feed on the eggs of locusts. Sir John Lubbock thinks that they are coleopterous, and probably those of a beetle belonging to the same family as the cantharis, or blister beetle. Mr. Riley has recently transcribed the transformations of certain insects belonging to this group and natives of the United States. The young larvae when they leave the egg are thin, active little creatures, which eat their way into the cases or 'pods' (as they are called from their shape) of locusts' eggs, where they rapidly grow into fat, fleshy grubs. Mr. Calvert states that in his neighbourhood a large proportion of the locusts' eggs has been destroyed by these larvae. If the species does not exist in Cyprus, it might be worth while to introduce it there."

These active little creatures would be strange 'bichos' to introduce into the country. Just fancy their being 'put up' for sale at Baltar and Quesada's.

C. L. Tucuman, Feb. 1st, 1881.

EDITOR'S TABLE.

The Royal Mail steamer Guadiana will sail to-morrow. Our Packet Edition is issued this morning, and our office will be open from 9 to 10 o'clock for its sale.

The heat was again oppressive yesterday, 94 Fahr. in the shade being the thermometer figure at one o'clock. We are paying now for the rains and pleasant weather of the past two months.

The chances are that the heat will be fiercer than ever to-day, and the coolest place we know of for refuge from it is Mr. Calza's Hotel on Calypso Island, Tigre. Mr. C. has always an abundant supply of ice, in addition to every other creature comfort of the season.

The papers are again very severe on the War Office for the troops of the Line not having summer clothing. At the review on Thursday the men were in heavy marching order, with their winter clothes, and hundreds fell exhausted from the ranks on the road home to barracks.

Although the Standard has for the past few years abandoned the 'costumbre del pais' of celebrating its own birthday, it gives us always great pleasure to congratulate our colleagues whenever their anniversaries come round. This is specially the case when the Southern Cross is in question, and we cordially salute it on its entering its seventh year. In the hands of its revered and highly-talented editor it has prospered and done much good, and we sincerely wish it a long continuance of prosperity.

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There is not a word of truth in the rumour as to probable changes in the National Cabinet, which have been found currency through many of our colleagues.

Bad news from the West. A subscriber who lives in Lincoln partido told us yesterday that, on his way into town, between Chacabuco and Chilvico, he saw eight leagues of locusts, and they were just commencing on the maize crop. He also told us that at the Cape of Good Hope they make short work of the pest with superheated steam, which can be administered to the unwelcome visitors at the rate of a league per hour, by a small engine burning straw. The Locust Question is coming to the front, and must be grappled with.

The prodigious work and expense involved in getting up the London illustrated papers (by far the best in the world), may be estimated from the following figures about the recent Christmas number of the Graphic:—Each copy of 'Cherry Ripe' had to be printed 14 times; the coloured sheet of eight pictures eight times; the tinted sheet of eight pages of pictures, three times; the wrapper, or cover, twice; and, reading, or type-side of the paper, once, thus making a grand total of 11,800,000 impressions at the printing press, each impression carefully inspected to prevent the issue of bad copies. This is attested by the fact that 25,000 copies were now rejected as spoils of the number now rejected to the complaints of disappointed readers have been so loud and deep that the proprietors state that next year special arrangements will be made, which will enable them to meet the demand which may be made upon them.

We recommend all who pass Buenos' window in Calle Casapal to pause before the beautiful portrait, in water colour, of the little son of Mr. Bowers, now dead. It is by Mr. Biggs, a young English artist who is rapidly working his way to the front, by sheer talent and industry.

We were presented yesterday with some excellent cigars grown and made on a Lincoln estancia. The tobacco is superior, of fine flavour.

From the Telephone V. Telegraph trial now proceeding. Learned and solemn Judge—"Would you mind, Mr. Bufuz, showing us the practical working of this marvellous instrument?" "Certainly, your lordship. Would your lordship speak into this telephone, which is, I believe, connected with the office of the company?" His lordship (rather hard up for something to say, amid a breathless silence)—"Hallo, who are you?" Pause of two seconds; intense excitement; a pin is heard to drop and is instantly taken into custody by the usher. Innocent but facetious clerk at the other end—"If it comes to that, who the devil are you?" Two attorneys had a personal conference in the Tribunal de Comercio on Friday. They were arrested, and on the way to the lock-up another limb of the law assaulted one of the policemen, and was also nabbed. "When shall we three meet again?"

It is announced that the arrangements for resuming the Lottery in this city are now progressing satisfactorily and will be speedily concluded. This is bad news for the Caridad people in Montevideo, who live on the ineradicable passion for gambling of cosmopolitan Buenos Aires.

Masquerade balls have been prohibited by the authorities of Cordoba, and, we presume, the decent portion of the community do not feel anything the worse for it.

The question about the Governorship of the Penitentiary is settled, and Mr. O'Gorman retains that highly responsible post. It is a natural that Mr. O'Gorman should be Governor of the Penitentiary as the sun should rise and set; he is the right man in the right place.

A drunken gaucho rode his horse into the 'sala' of a hotel at Mercedes some days ago, and positively refused to 'move on' under any milder form of persuasion than a slash on the head from a policeman's sabre. [This was tried, and succeeded.]

We are truly sorry to hear that General Olasoaga's wound was worse yesterday. In spite of this the doctors had not given him over, and the gallant General himself firmly believes that he will survive, and that he has not escaped shot and steel for so many years of his life to die of a paltry accident with a toy pistol. We earnestly hope he will prove right.

Some far-seeing politicians think that the appointment of a German Admiral to command the Turkish fleet forebodes a new and startling move on the European chessboard by the 'great Chancellor.' Russia is going to catch it this time.

PROTESTANT CEMETERY.

The site of the present cemetery was purchased by the late Mr. John Haratt, and by public deed was by him conveyed in perpetuity to the British subjects residing in Buenos Ayres, for use as a public burial ground. In the year 1861, at a public meeting of the British residents, the management of the cemetery was vested in a committee consisting of the Chaplains of the English and Scotch Churches, Messrs. F. Plowes, James Black, Thomas

Drysdale and R. McClymont. In consequence of the retirement of Messrs. Plowes, Black and Drysdale, Messrs. Fraser and Thompson were subsequently appointed. The three gentlemen now composing the Committee are anxious, after such a lengthened service, to be relieved of their duties, and to this end have addressed the following letter to H.B.M. Consul:—

Buenos Aires, Jan 28, 1881. Hugh Mallett, Esq., H.B.M.'s Consul.

We, the undersigned members of the committee for managing the affairs of the British Cemetery in this city, are desirous of being relieved of the charge, and that a new committee should be appointed, and with this end in view we beg you will convene a meeting of the interested, which we have permission to say may be held in the school room attached to the Anglican Church of St. John.

We append a statement of the financial position of the cemetery, made up to the end of the year 1880, for your information.

We remain, (Signed) William Thompson, Alex. Fraser, Robert McClymont.

The following is the financial statement of the position of the Cemetery at the end of 1880:—

Balance in hands of Mr. Hudson: Clerk of the Committee \$4,107 Do do Treasurer 325 Investments held by same \$12,300 Nat. Bonds.

Do do do \$8,500 Cedula. In virtue of the request mentioned above a meeting of British residents is called for Wednesday next the 9th inst. as per notice in another column.

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187 doz. cordons at \$12-14 Cow Hides—183 can, 103-107 Hair—18 doz. at \$135, 140, 145 Nutria—1,500 lbs. at 73 Wheat—200 fan, at 100, 105 Maize—12 fan, morcho in cob, 57 80 fan, in grain, 48

The following sales reported at the Plaza Once this morning:— 6,200 ar. of wool arrived. Wools, hides and skins flat. More arrivals to follow. Wheat with interest, arrivals abundant.

The sales were:— 2100 ar. wool, Trane, 80, 92, 103 400 ar. wool, Chassy, 85, 105 400 ar. wool, Elvado, 80, 92, 103 20 doz. skins desechos at 25.15 100 doz. peludos at \$125, 32.15 100 doz. cordons at \$11-12 100 cow hides at 165, 160, 140 150 horse hides at 30 Potrunas at 15 61 bordelais grease, 44, 45

Wheat 150 fan, at 140, 150, 163, 165, 170 Maize, 570 fan, yellow, in grain, at 47, 49 50 fan morcho, in cob, 68 Mr. Walker, Inspector of Saladeros in this Province, gives the following interesting figures of killing at the various establishments during the year 1880: 31 saladeros worked in 16 parties:—

Cows. Mares. Sheep. January... 60,093 19,414 1,467 February... 32,855 14,635 1,291 March... 17,809 15,291 600 April... 23,565 16,188 1,125 May... 18,759 18,423 2,687 June... 1,968 7,771 2,095 July... 61 158 3,470 August... 198 198 198 September... 1,383 7,497 October... 1,208 4,718 November... 1,272 4,718 December... 1,272 4,718

Total, 167,196 100,719 29,702 The saladeros of Magdalena, General Lavalle and Ensenada have killed most. The following memorandum is attached to the prospectus of the Argentine Fresh Meat Company, which is being launched in London. It may interest many in this market:—

"The name of the Company is 'The Argentine Fresh Meat Company, Limited.' The registered office of the Company will be in London. The objects for which the Company is established are:— (1) To carry on the importation and exportation of fresh meat and other produce and provisions, prepared by any refrigerating process or otherwise, and to stock of such meat and other produce; and to carry on the business of farming, stock, and grazing, and of breeding cattle, pigs, sheep, and other animals, and to acquire land and hereditaments of any tenur, whatsoever, or any interest therein, in the Argentine Confederation or elsewhere, as may be thought by the Company convenient or proper to be held by the Company in connection with its business, and to work, manage, and develop the same in such manner as the Company may think fit, whether by farming, stock, grazing, or breeding cattle, pigs, sheep, or other animals, or otherwise, and to acquire land and hereditaments of any tenur, whatsoever, or any interest therein, in the Argentine Confederation or elsewhere, as may be thought by the Company convenient or proper to be held 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LATEST FROM BRAZIL.

An analysis of the Commercial Retrospect of 1880 does not leave altogether satisfactory impression of the foreign trade of Rio, which, indeed, appears to be almost standing still, as is shown by the enormous house collections of the year, nor does the general trade of the year seem to have been one of average profit, owing, probably, to the continued decline in coffee, which entailed the expected profits of the planters.

In 1879 and 1880 the exports of coffee were about equal, having respectively been 3,533,183 bags and 3,563,054 bags, but, whilst the imperial export duties of 1879 amounted to 9,800,327 those of 1880 reached only 9,531,170, showing that the low prices of 1880 caused the planters alone a great increase of 3,000,000, and the losses of ships, including the government, were frequently large.

If we turn to the imports we find in 1880 an increase of custom house receipts to the extent of 1,364,898, or 14 per centum. Unfortunately even this small amount does not mean increased importation, it having been due to increased tariff valuations of many articles and increased rates of duties on objects of luxury and on manufactures similar to those made in the country. Further evidence is furnished by the exchange transactions, and, in fact, there was an actual falling off in many articles of large import, and the trade in imports was characterized by absence of briskness.

Since our last yellow fever has exhibited no appearance of becoming epidemic but there was of late an increase and the week's average rose to about 14 per cent.

The Minister of Agriculture has suspended work on the Parana telegraph, the main extensions in Rio for the water supply, and other works included in the credit bill which remained unacted on in the Senate when the legislative session closed. The engineers discharged are, however, to be considered merely with leave of absence.

In regard to the wine duties, the Minister of Finance has given notice to the subordinates that the collection of the 50 o/o Additional Tax, taken off ordinary wines in 1879, will recommence on the 5th of Feb. next.

The law granting to the Ministry of Marine an extraordinary credit of 5,000,000 and to the Ministry of War one of 4,000,000, has been sanctioned and promulgated, but the Government appears to be in no haste to use them, probably considering that the Argentine not crackers will not be in a condition to attempt a Brazil run after trying their strength on the Chilean one.

A commission of many of the leading members of the two political parties has been entrusted with reporting a division of the Empire into electoral districts of one member, as provided for in the late electoral law. The division will have to be submitted for legislative approval, but will have provisional effect should the first election come off before the next meeting of Parliament, as is not improbable.

The planters, especially of the province of S. Paulo, are busily organizing farmers' municipal clubs, to co-operate with the Rio central one in the defence of the planters' interests, especially against the abolition agitation. But though this last is the more immediate present object, these organizations must be looked upon with favorable eyes, as likely to stimulate the spirit of association and lead to many useful results.

A bill, signed by the majority of the members, has been brought into the S. Paulo Assembly and is being pressed on, imposing a fee of 20000 for the register of every slave, not inherited, brought hereafter into the province. Half the fee will be applied to emancipations. Thus S. Paulo and Minas Geraes have followed the course of the province of Rio de Janeiro to stop, by prohibitive taxes, the further introduction of slaves into the country.

Some of the authorities and papers of the Amazon continue to denounce the existence of a species of slave trade in Indians, both in the Brazilian territory and that of Colombia, and boys of the Ipurina tribe are said to be largely sold, chiefly to work at the collection of gum elastic. The facility with which the Indians yield their children to the river traders and the scarcity of slaves in the Amazon valley encourage the employment of Indians largely in

domestic and other services under conditions which are frequently nearly, if not altogether, those of slavery.

Prince D. Augusto Leopold has, like his father the Duke de Saxe, selected the naval profession and he has matriculated in the Naval College, having been approved at the medical and scholarly examinations. At the D. Pedro II. College, on the 18th, the young Prince deservedly received the prize for exemplary conduct and for passing all the sixth year examinations with distinction. In fact, all the young princes are growing up fine, manly, healthy, intelligent and honorable lads, who do credit to the zealous cares bestowed upon their physical, moral and mental education and promise to do honour to their parentage and their country.

A grand sham fight took place on the 12th, at the Copacabana. One division of the three arms took up position on some heights along the sea and was attacked by the other division, which was repulsed and in turn attacked by the victors. The day was very hot but no accidents occurred.

The Minister of Agriculture has commissioned Professor Couty and Engineers L. G. de Escaragolle Tannay and A. O. da Silva Telles, who left on the 15th for Europe, to promote the use of Mate and Jerked Beef in Europe. At present the commission is a gratuitous one, but H. B. has declared his intention to ask a legislative appropriation for the purpose of a propaganda on behalf of those two articles. That 'carne seca' will, in its present shape and price, find a market in Europe is not probable, but mate has cheapness and good qualities to recommend it and deserves to be better known.

The Minister of Agriculture visited on the 18th Messrs. Hargreaves' cotton factory and their establishments for making agricultural implements and machines and pipes. Mr. James H. Murray has received exequatur as United States Vice-Consul and Assistant Consul-General in Rio de Janeiro, vice Mr. Randall.

The Hamburg packet company is building three more good-sized steamers, intending to make three trips a month as far as Santos, besides one to the River Plate without touching at Brazil at the outward trip.

The *Journal do Commercio* has been remarking on the extraordinary differences in the prices of the slaves liberated with the Emancipation Fund, which in some municipalities average three times the price in other municipalities of the same province. And in an arbitration in the province of Rio de Janeiro upon the value of five slaves, finally fixed at \$4,900, the costs were \$2,951.

The Christina colony, formed on the estate at Canaanatula, Ceara, given to the Government for the purpose, now contains 60 orphan boys and 11 orphan girls. The boys are employed in farming, brickmaking and the cutting and carriage of firewood to the Batistina railway.

During 1880 the arrivals of sugar at Pernambuco from the Interior were 1,961,043 sacks, against 1,248,581 sacks in 1879 and 1,122,000 sacks average of the five years before 1879. Of cotton the arrivals in 1880 were 79,633 sacks, against 33,702 sacks in 1879, showing some rally, the arrivals having decreased from 132,000 sacks in 1874 to 32,485 in 1878.

THE ENGLISH PEES ON THE ARGENTINE REPUBLIC.

The new year finds the Argentine Republic and the Empire of Brazil in a peaceable condition, and it is hoped that nothing will occur to disturb the quietude which is so essential to the progress and welfare of those communities. Great as has been the advancement of both countries during the past twelve months, there is every reason to believe that the year just entered upon will prove one of the brightest and most glorious in the history of the Argentine Republic and of the Empire of Brazil. Look where we will, we see signs of improvement which will undoubtedly redound to the credit of each, and especially in the case of the River Plate there is cause for satisfaction. That country has recently passed through a very trying period, but with the installation of the new President there seems to have come a determination on the part of the inhabitants of the

LATEST FROM WEST COAST.

Santiago, Feb. 1st. General Saavedra, Gefe Politico of Chile at Lima, ordered the Alcaide to call an assembly of notables, to form a Government to transact with Chile. The notables assembled but said that as the Dictator's Government was still in existence, they were not authorized to form another, and that the Chileans should treat with the Dictator's Government or the Dictatorial Government or National Authority.

Piura issued a decree at Chocoma, to effect that the legal residence of the Government is wherever the Supreme Chief and his Secretary General may happen to be, the latter having charge all branches of the Administration.

Piura has created two new Gefaturas, civil and military: one in the north, comprising the Departments of Piura, Lambayeque, Libertad, Chicla, Tarma, Ica, Junin, Huancayo, Huanavelica and Ayacucho.

Captain A. Garcia y Garcia has been named Secretary General of the Dictator.

The Chilean Admiral Riquelme advises that he saw the enemy's ships in the docks of Callao burning on the 16th, and afterwards the explosion caused by the burning of the powder magazines in the forts and the dynamite charges with which they tried to destroy the guns.

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LATEST FROM CHUPUT.

Arrival of Lieut. Mayono from Sta. Cruz.—Wheat prospects.—Testimonial to the initiator of the colony.—Christmas Eve.—The Title deeds.

The pilot-boat Gwennil has just returned from the colony with an account of the inextinguishable fire which broke out at the Chuput wheat; she brings up also a crowd of passengers, all on business intent; amongst them Lieut. Mayono, whom we lately announced as having arrived there overland from Santa Cruz, the parties with him have purchased some 200 head of cattle there, for driving overland to Santa Cruz. This has opened the eyes of the colonists them to the fact that the wheat is a movement in that direction has set in.

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